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1. In all instances [redacted] the unit first sergeant acted as supply sergeant and issued all clothing and equipment. The first sergeant also made a daily inspection of all the company weapons and equipment. In addition to the first sergeant, the squad leaders also made a daily inspection. Clothing was repaired and cleaned by the individual soldier. Boots were repaired by the company cobbler. Weapons and other equipment were repaired by the appropriate regimental installations. These items were not replaced while under repair. 25X1

2. [redacted] the artillery regiment at Konotop, USSR 25X1

[redacted] the sergeant who was assigned as the training company's first sergeant issued the following items to each of the 100 basic trainees:

- a. 2 pr. foot wraps, gray, cotton, new
- b. 1 set underwear, white, cotton, new
- c. 1 pr. breeches, cotton, OD, new
- d. 1 tunic, cotton, OD, new
- e. 1 pr. boots, black, leather bottom, rubber-like plastic leather top, rubber soles and heels, new
- f. 1 overcoat, wool, gray, new
- g. 1 cap, wool, OD, new
- h. 2 belts, canvas, OD, with buckles, one for breeches and one for tunic, new or used

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1. 2 pr. shoulder boards with metal crossed cannon, black with red border

j. 1 red star insignia

There was enough of a selection of each item for the first sergeant to be able to insure a reasonable fit. (All the trainees ate with spoons brought from home until 23 March 1950 when drinking mugs and spoons were issued. Plates were provided by the messhall.)

3. The 100 trainees slept in a room with 25 double-deck, metal bunks and 50 single, metal bunks. Boards were used instead of springs. Each bed had a straw-filled mattress and pillow, two sheets, one pillow case, and one blanket. Every 10 days, one sheet and the pillow case were exchanged for clean ones. On 15 May 1950 all the trainees were moved into three other rooms, with one platoon in each room. Here all the bunks were double-decked and had springs instead of boards.

4. In the early part of April 1950 the trainees received M-1938 carbines for training purposes. No field equipment was issued at any time during the training period.

5. [redacted] the 290th Gds. Rifle Regt., 95th Gds. Inf. Div. [redacted] received the following items from the first sergeant:

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- a. 1 pack, dark green, canvas, used
- b. 1 mess plate, used
- c. 1 canteen, used
- d. 1 submachine gun, PPSH M-1944, with two drums and cleaning equipment, used
- e. 1 gas mask, with case and canister, used
- f. 1 entrenching shovel, used

[redacted] All the bunks were double-decked.

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[redacted] winter clothing issue, which consisted of the following items:

- a. 1 set underwear, flannel material, yellowish, new
- b. 2 pr. foot wraps, flannel material, yellowish, new
- c. 1 pr. mittens, flannel material, OD, with separate thumb and trigger finger, new

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d. 1 hat, winter, flannel, pile-lined, gray, new

[redacted] as regular issue a new tunic and new breeches of the same type as the original issue. [redacted] boots were also replaced [redacted]

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8. In April 1951 [redacted] received the following summer issue:

a. 2 pr. foot wraps, white, cotton, new

b. 1 cap, wool, OD, used

At this time the tunic and breeches which had been first issued [redacted] were taken away, [redacted] received new ones.

9. In June 1951, [redacted] boots were again replaced with new ones.

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11. In April 1952, [redacted] changed to summer uniform and replaced the tunic and breeches issued in April 1951. The following items were also issued [redacted]

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a. 2 handkerchiefs, white, cotton, new

b. 2 collar liners, white, cotton, new

12. In October 1952, [redacted] changed to winter uniform, turning in the summer issue. At this time the tunic and breeches issued in October 1951 were turned in, [redacted] boots were replaced by new ones. [redacted] then issued a new OD short coat made of quilted cotton.

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13. In January 1953, all members [redacted] were issued a camouflage suit (unlined) from the regiment /See sketch/. [redacted] no other personnel received this suit. [redacted] saw some sort of net-like personal trench concealers which were for the infantry. [redacted]

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[redacted] the April 1952 issue of tunic and breeches was replaced with new items [redacted] two more handkerchiefs and two collar liners. [redacted] the summer issue as before, except that the cap was of cotton instead of wool.

/Sketch of camouflage suit issued to sig. personnel of 3rd Bn., 290th Gds. Rifle Regt./

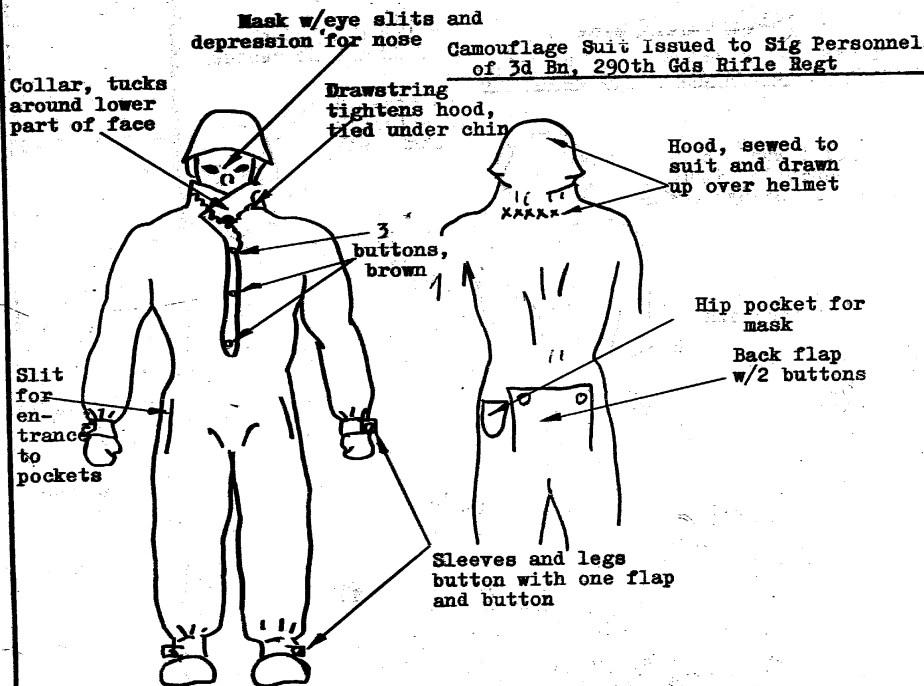
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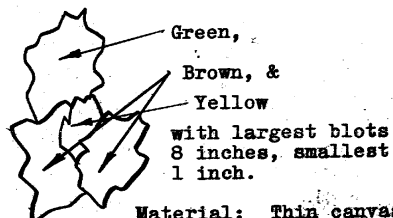
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Camouflage Suit Issued to Sig Personnel of 3d Bn, 290th Gds Rifle Regt

Design was:



Material: Thin canvas not water proof (unlined). Other accessories unknown.

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